2.19 UTTAR PRADESH 1979-80

2.19.1 Administration : Dr. Shyam Narain Sinha took over as the Director, Uttar Pradesh State Archives on the retirement of Dr. K.P.Srivastava on 29th February, 1980. The Regional Archives were set up in March 1980 at Dehra Dun and Agra, and Km. Rekha Trivedi and Sir Om Prakash were appointed as Regional Archives Officers of Dehra Dun and Agra respectively.

The total number of posts in the organisation of the State Archives were 96 as on 31st March, 1980.

Proposals were submitted to the Government for the strengthening and expansion of the Uttar Pradesh State Archives, Lucknow, Regional Archives at Allahabad, Varanasi and Nainital, and Manuscript Library, Allahabad.

2.19.2 Budget : During 1979-80 a sum of Rs.5,36,000 was spent against the budget provision of Rs.5,20,000 on the non-plan side and a sum of Rs.2,23,800 was spent out of the budget provision of Rs.4,06,000 on the plan side. For the first four months of the current financial year (1980-81) provision for Rs.1,71,000 was made on the non-plan side and Rs.1,24,400 on the plan side, while rest of the budget was awaited.

2.19.3 Building : The Uttar Pradesh State Archives has its own building.

2.19.4 Research and Reference : 95 scholars from India and abroad availed themselves of the research facilities. 18 files were requisitioned by the Government agencies and 4 queries on records were attended to from the private agencies/individuals.

2.19.5 Reference Media : 5,434 records were listed while summary inventory of 18,355 records prepared.

2.19.6 Publication Programme : The two publications entitled (i) 'Documents Relating to Primary Education preserved in the Uttar Pradesh State Archives' (1843-1947) and (ii) 'Source Material in Uttar Pradesh State Archives on Revenue, Judicial, Police & Jail Administration of Kumaun', (1815-1856) were brought out during the period under report.

2.19.7 Preservation of Records : 16,234 sheets of records were flattened, 7,281 sheets repaired with tissue paper and chiffon and 12,400 sheets with acetate foil, 4,035 sheets guarded and 202 volumes and 100 registers bound.

2.19.8 Photo-Duplication : The State Archives has its own microfilming unit. It also has a Majox Machine for photo-copying and other necessary equipments connected with photography work. During the year under report enlargement of 1,521 documents and 1,956 exposures and 4,582 photocopies were made.

2.19.9 Library : 217 books and journals were acquired during the period under review and there is a proposal to develop the Library and enrich it with latest publications and reference books of Medieval and Modern Indian History. The libraries of different Regional Archives are also being enriched with useful reference books.

2.19.10 Other Activities : A two-week training in Archives-Keeping was imparted to 7 officials of various departments and offices of the Government of Uttar Pradesh. 13 Trainees for the Diploma Course in Archives-Keeping in the National Archives of India, New Delhi, visited this archives. 6 Trainees from National Laboratory of Cultural Property were given lecture on "Archives Keeping". Practical training was also given to them in

respect of the preservation and restoration of old and fragile documents and manuscripts.

An 'Urdu Section' was established in the Uttar Pradesh State Archives to look after the records in Urdu script and procure Urdu manuscripts and books to provide material for higher studies and research in Urdu.

An Archival Exhibition was organised by this Department at Kanpur on July-August 1979, Nainital, Allahabad and Varanasi in October 1979, Kasia in November-December, 1979 and Lucknow in December 1979 to arouse archival consciousness among the public.

'International Archives Week' was observed by the Uttar Pradesh State Archives, Lucknow and its Regional Archives between 23rd to 29th October 1979 and on the occasion an exhibition of documents relating to the Kumaun region from the Mughal period upto the first half of the 20th century was displayed and a seminar on the 'History and Administration of Uttar Pradesh' was also held in which among others Dr. K.P. Srivastava and Sri Rajendra Bahadur read papers.

The Regional Archives, Allahabad and Varanasi also organised an exhibitions of historical documents, rare manuscripts and farmans etc.

Dr. S.N.Sinha gave a talk on "Abhilekh Tatha Abhilekhagar" from All India Radio, Varanasi and his article on "Abhilekh-Hamari Sanskritik Dharohar" was also published.